

App. No. 09/890055
Office Action Dated June 17, 2004
Amd. Dated September 20, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 8, 14 and 15 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 8-15 are pending.

Applicants hereby enclose a proposed drawing change to Figure 1. In particular, a black box has been added to depict nozzle bars. Support for the amendment is at page 4, lines 6-10. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14 and 15.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 9-13 depend either directly or indirectly on claim 8. Withdrawal and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended. Withdrawal and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the attorney-of-record, John J. Gresens, Reg. No. 33,112, at (612)371.5265.

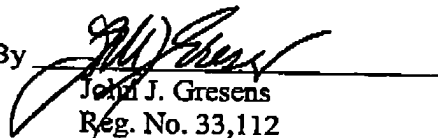
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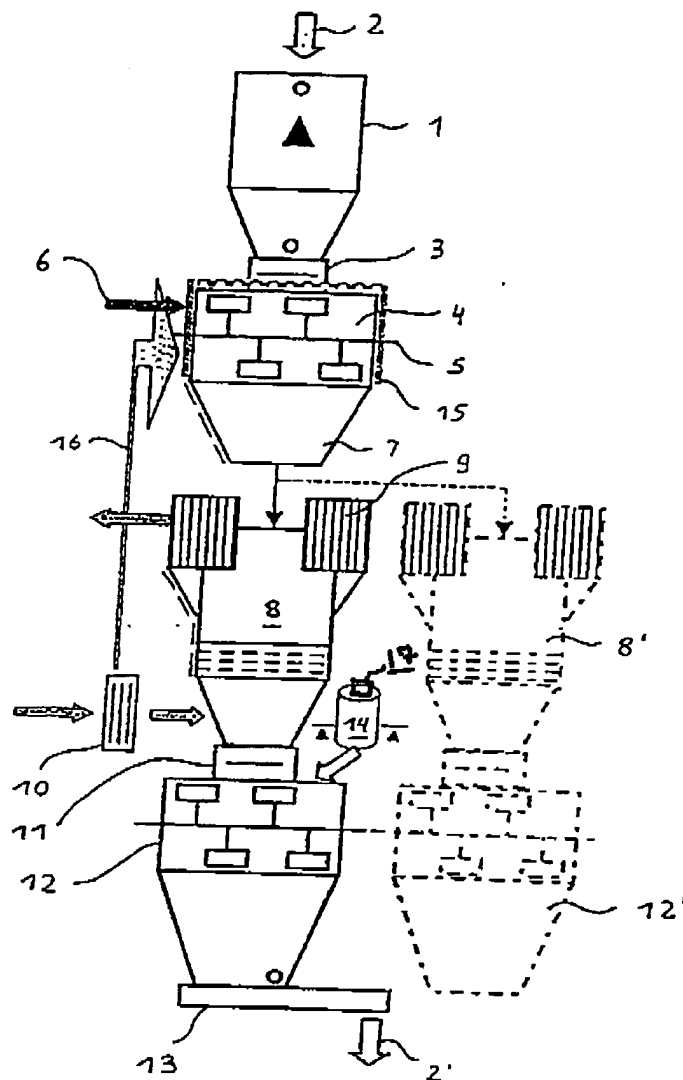


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